

## HANDLING OF FREIGHT

Storage and Demurrage Rules of the Commission.

TIME LIMITS ARE FIXED

Railroads to Be Fined for Failure to Provide and Place Cars for Delivery of Freight Within a Time Limit After Order.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., May 8.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission to-day issued storage and demurrage rules and time-limits for placing of cars and delivery of freight. Rule 1 provides that no demurrage charges shall be allowed to be charged by railroad companies unless legal notice of the arrival of goods is given, and in case of car-load lots must give initials, number and weight of freight charges, etc., of the car. Rule 2 fixes storage charges on less than car-load lots, remaining in depot over forty-eight hours, one cent per hundred pounds for each day or fraction of a day with a minimum charge of 5 cents for one package and maximum of 11 per day for less than car-load lots. Rule 3 provides that all car-load freight taking delivery and such as is to be unloaded by consignee and not unloaded within forty-eight hours after cars are placed accessible, may be subject to demurrage of \$1 per car for each day or fraction of a day they remain unloaded, provided seventy-two hours be allowed for unloading. Rule 4 provides that, in case of car-load lots, demurrage charges shall not begin until sufficient time has elapsed after notice for consignee to remove the goods to the place of ordinary delivery. Rule 5 is to the effect that when a railroad company at the request of an intended shipper places the car at a reasonably accessible place for loading, time shall expire in forty-eight hours and thereafter demurrage charges shall be \$1 per car per day.

Subsequent rules fix a fine of \$1 per day after four days against the railroad companies for not placing cars to be loaded by shippers when said shippers apply for them. Also a fine of \$1 per day against railroads for failure to place cars within forty-eight hours for unloading. Also a fine of \$1 per day is fixed against railroads if shipments to points fifty miles away are not gotten to their destination within thirty days after the day of time limit being allowed for each additional twenty-five miles or fraction. These orders by the commission are effective on and after July 1st.

The Commercial Bank of Raleigh, N. C., was chartered to-day with \$100,000 capital to do a general commercial and savings bank business. The incorporators are T. J. Lutz, Mrs. M. L. Lutz, of Hudson; A. F. Lutz and George D. Moore, of Lenoir.

The Prestine Petrifed Phenomenon Company, of Asheville, was chartered to exhibit a petrified man, found in Henderson county on Holston Creek and any other fossils or curiosities they may develop. The principal incorporators are E. A. Reiser, D. G. Holland and E. P. Brownell.

**BIG LUMBER SUIT**

Lady from Raleigh Selected as Commissioner to Take Evidence.

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WELDON, N. C., May 8.—Important evidence was taken here to-day in the big lumber suit between the State and the big lumber companies. The evidence was taken before Mrs. M. S. Caldwell, of Raleigh, who was appointed by Judge Purnell to take the evidence. This suit grew out of the sale of the Gomerss lumber plant, including railroad, mills, lumber house, stock of goods and standing timber, for which Tunchard & Westcott paid Mr. Jell \$20,000. The plaintiffs claim that Kell's manager pointed out to them timber which was not in the tract to be conveyed. This the defendant denied. Suit was entered in Northampton Superior Court for \$40,000. On motion of counsel for Kell the case was moved to the Federal Court. The attorneys engaged in the case are, for the plaintiffs, J. H. J. Shepherd, Day & Bell, Peebles & Harris, Guy & Midgett, for the defendants, W. E. Daniel, F. E. Hughes, Hughes & Little and S. J. Caldwell.

The plaintiffs have sixty days and the defendants forty in which to give evidence.

**SLANDERER SKIPPED**

While Jury Was Out He Made for the Virginia Line.

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 8.—In Stokes county to-day W. P. Martin, an excellent citizen, was convicted of slandering Mrs. Daisy Young, a respectable lady. While the jury were out Martin skipped, going to Virginia. It is thought, before court adjourned, by which he pays a fine of \$500 and the county school fund \$50 and costs in the case.

The county commissioners, who were indicted by the grand jury for failure to pay the salary of the factory and agreed to have a court building erected at a cost of \$17,000 and a jail to cost \$10,000, they failed to do this, the county commissioners will be tried in this county.

**OFFICE ABOLISHED**

No One Willing to Become Postmaster at Zeb.

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SALISBURY, N. C., May 8.—A singular fact exists with reference to the post-office at Zeb, four miles from this place. Uncle Sam has decided to abolish the office on May 15th, because no one is willing to become postmaster. It is learned that since the establishment of the rural free delivery in this part of the country the office has failed to pay, hence the difficulty in securing a postmaster.

In the interests of sanitation and cleanliness the aldermen of Salisbury will be petitioned by citizens, praying for an ordinance to be passed at the next session of the town council, to the effect that no one shall be allowed to keep a postmaster's office without a license.

M. H. Stewart, one of the promoters

of the new bank at Spencer, The Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, has let the contract for a large building to be erected on the corner of Salisbury Avenue and Fifth Street. The building will be 50 by 110 feet and will be three stories high, and will perhaps be the most handsome building of the kind in Spencer. The Wachovia Loan and Trust Company will occupy the corner room, while the other around floor rooms will be used for mercantile purposes. There are a number of other substantial buildings in course of erection at Spencer, and the price of real estate has advanced 100 per cent. within the last month.

Rowan Superior Court is still in session here, and Judge McNeill is dispensing justice to the offenders of the law. Yesterday Joe Patterson, a notorious character, was to have been tried for his life, but through his attorneys submitted to a verdict of guilty and the same degree. He has not yet been sentenced.

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**NEW HOSPITAL RECEIVED TO-DAY**

Will Be Opened About June 1. Miss Brennan Will Be Superintendent.

The new Memorial Hospital at Twelfth and Broad Streets will be formally received by the Board of Trustees to-day from the hands of the contractor, who has finally completed the work of construction. The exercises will occur at 9 o'clock in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, May 12th, the hospital will be opened for inspection by the public at large. The installation of the furniture and equipment, which is now being completed, will be completed by the end of the month. The hospital will be one of the most modern and perfectly equipped in the world. There will be one hundred and forty-eight beds for patients, including forty-eight rooms for private patients.

**A PRACTICAL PLAN FOR PENSIONING EMPLOYEES.**

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Gorham Manufacturing Company, the prominent silverware, of New York and Providence, R. I., has recently put into operation a practical plan for pensioning their 2500 employees in the factory and stores, which has been most favorably commented upon by leading sociologists.

This plan provides that any employee whose record is satisfactory to the company may be placed upon a permanent pension roll, provided he has served the company for at least twenty-five years, and receive thereafter as long as he lives a pension equal to 1 per cent. of his wage at the time of retirement for each year of service. Thus a man who has been with the Gorham Company forty years will receive an annual pension, payable in monthly installments, of forty per cent. of the amount he was being paid at the time he retired.

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## PICTURE OF GEN. ECHOLS

Handsomeness Presented to R. E. Lee Camp.

CAPT. BUMGARDNER SPOKE

Presented by Him and Received by Hon. J. Taylor Elyson—The Attendance Was Very Large.

In the presence of a goodly company of veterans and legislators, ladies and gentlemen, there was presented to Lee Camp last night a life-like portrait of the late John E. Echols, brigadier-general in the Confederate service, and a warrior and statesman of distinction.

The occasion was a most auspicious one. The hall was well filled with those who had gathered and there were in attendance nearly the entire State Legislature, the Hon. Edward Echols, the Hon. John Lamb, and many others. The presentation address was made by Captain James Bumgardner, of Staunton, and the portrait was received on behalf of the camp by the Hon. J. Taylor Elyson. Brief but appropriate remarks were made by several others. One of the most interesting features of the evening was the reading of a letter from General Eppa Hunton, who could not be present.

For the few moments which preceded the opening of the exercises those already in the hall spent the time admiring the handsome portrait upon the walls, for chatting among themselves. Quite a distinguished company was present. Perhaps two-thirds of the entire membership of the State Legislature occupied specially reserved seats. Quite a number of ladies were in the audience.

After the transaction of certain minor matters the camp, which was called to order about 8:30 o'clock by Commander James P. Smith, deferred until the next evening any business not of vital interest, and proceeded to the important event of the evening. On behalf of the Portrait Committee, Commander Laughton announced the presentation of a life-like portrait of Brigadier-General John E. Echols, the distinguished colonel of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Stonewall Brigade, who, alike in war and in peace, occupied the foremost position among his countrymen. The donor was the son of the noted officer, the Hon. Edward Echols, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, who, in the presentation, was to be represented by Captain Bumgardner, himself one of the distinguished survivors of the famed Stonewall Brigade.

In presenting the portrait, Captain Bumgardner made an eloquent and appropriate address, which was frequently interrupted by applause. He spoke as follows:

CAPT. BUMGARDNER'S ADDRESS. Brother Commander and Comrades of R. E. Lee Camp:

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## Some Suggestions as to Spring Reading.

If you have any taste for reading there are some books among those presented here that you will want to own. It may be the romance of war, it may be the romance of society, it may be the romance of the forest, or of the sea, or of adventure that stirs your interest—all are here. You know your own taste; look over our list and see if there is not something here to respond to it

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all there came to enlighten testimonials to the valor and worth to Gen. Echols as citizen and soldier. Among those who spoke were Commander James P. Smith, Colonel Opie, Senator Gould and Captain Head of Mechanicsville.

It was the purpose of General Eppa Hunton to be present, but the critical illness at Warrenton of his brother kept him away. To the camp, however, he addressed a letter, which was greeted with instant applause. He told much that was interesting about General Echols, and then said:

"I rejoice that the walls of our camp will bear his picture as an inspiration to patriotism devoted to duty by the coming generation of Virginia youths. He never forgot his love for the 'dear old cause.' He never entertained or expressed pleasure in the future of a cause for which he so freely risked his life, and for its success would so cheerfully have laid it down. All honor to the memory of this Confederate hero. May his memory ever be an inspiration to his descendants to virtuous and patriotic deeds."

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

At the conclusion of the presentation exercises the camp transacted certain matters of business and then adjourned. Among other things the camp announced the appointment of the following delegates and alternates to the New Orleans reunion:

Delegates—James Vass, J. Taylor Stratton, D. A. Brown, Jr., George L. Christian, J. Taylor Elyson, John E. Laughton, Jr., John Lamb, Charles T. Turner, Gervase Storrs, Joseph Bryan, James T. Gary, Frank H. Rahm, O. B. Morgan, C. W. P. Brock, James W. Pegram and Chas. J. Anderson.

Alternates—John W. Jones, George W. Jarvis, J. S. Von Hoon, W